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 HAITI

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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

 RWANDA

2. MOD DIPLOMATIC ADVISOR RICCARDO SESSA TOLD
 POLMILCOUNS ON JULY 8 THAT THE TRUE MESSAGE OF
 FOREIGN MINISTER MARTINO'S STATEMENT ON RWANDA TWO
 DAYS BEFORE (REF B) WAS THAT "ITALY WOULD DO

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SOMETHING FOR RWANDA, BUT NOT IN RWANDA." SESSA SAID THAT ITALY WAS PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE A HUMANITARIAN MISSION TO RWANDA'S BORDER, BUT THAT (CONTRARY TO MARTINO'S STATEMENT) THE QUESTION OF WHETHER A SMALL MILITARY CONTINGENT WOULD BE SENT TO PROTECT THE MISSION HAD NOT YET BEEN DECIDED. SESSA HANDED OVER A LIST OF ITEMS THAT MOD WAS PREPARED TO RELEASE TO THE UN MISSION (LIST AT PARA 4 BELOW).

3. SESSA DID NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT ITALY WOULD PARTICIPATE WITH A PEACEKEEPING MISSION WITH MILITARY FORCES IF AGREED BY THE RWANDAN SIDES, BUT

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NOTED THAT THE "CONDITIONS DID NOT LEND THEMSELVES" FOR A MULTILATERAL PEACEKEEPING OPERATION IN RWANDA. HE NOTED THAT AT TWO WEU MEETINGS ON THIS ISSUE EVERYONE HAD APPLAUDED THE FRENCH INTERVENTION BUT THE FACT WAS THAT THE FRENCH HAD TO GO IN ALONE. SESSA THOUGHT THAT THE FRENCH INTERVENTION MAY HAVE

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BEEN MOTIVATED BY LONGSTANDING FRENCH INTERESTS IN CENTRAL AFRICA, BUT averred that "OUR INTERESTS ARE NOT THE SAME." HE DISCLOSED THAT THE RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT HAD TOLD THE ITALIANS THAT A UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE, BUT THAT A NATIONAL FORCE (SUCH AS THE FRENCH, IN THE RPF AND SESSA'S VIEW) WAS NOT.

4. THE EQUIPMENT THE ITALIAN MOD IS PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE TO UNAMIR IS THE FOLLOWING:

- ONE WATER TRUCK WITH 5,000 LITER TANK CAPACITY;
- TWO ACM-AT'S WITH 2,500 LITER TANK CAPACITY (TRAILER BEDS);
- TWO GASOLINE TRUCKS WITH 6,000 LITER TANK CAPACITY;
- TEN ACM-AT'S;
- SPARE PARTS FOR SIX MONTHS.

HAITI

5. WITH REGARD TO HAITI, SESSA REFERRED TO THE

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DEMARCHE MADE ON THE SUBJECT BY THE DCM THREE WEEKS
AGO (REF C) AND SAID THAT THE GOI WAS CONSIDERING
SENDING A SMALL CARABINIERI CONTINGENT TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE UN MISSION IN HAITI. HE SAID
THAT WHILE ITALY HAS NO INTERESTS IN HAITI, THE GOI
UNDERSTOOD THE US INTEREST ("HAITI TO YOU IS LIKE
ALBANIA TO US") AND WANTED TO BE HELPFUL TO THE US
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IN ASSEMBLING A MULTINATIONAL FORCE. SESSA THOUGHT
THAT THE CARABINIERI WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THE
EXPERIENCE, AND UNDERTOOK TO TAKE UP THE ISSUE WITH
THE CARABINIERI COMMANDER, GENERAL LUIGI FEDERICI.

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